

REMARKS

Claims **69-99** are pending.

Independent claims **69, 83 and 97** have been rejected as being unpatentable over claims 7 and 69 of U.S. Patent No. 6,064,987 to Walker et al. (hereinafter “the ‘987 patent”) on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting. Claims **70 and 84** have also been rejected as unpatentable over claim 8 of the ‘987 patent on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting. Claims **71-82, 85-96, 98 and 99** have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten.

Without admitting the propriety of the double-patenting rejections, Applicants herein submit a Terminal Disclaimer for the ‘987 patent.

As these double-patenting rejections are the only rejections now of record, and the Terminal Disclaimer obviates the rejections, the Applicants respectfully request allowance of all of the claims at the Examiner’s earliest convenience.

If any questions remain regarding the present application or the cited reference, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is cordially requested to contact the undersigned attorney, Stephan Filipek, at telephone number 203-461-7228 or via electronic mail at sfilipek@walkerdigital.com.

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE APPROPRIATE FEES

No fees are believed to be due for this Response. However, should a fee accrue, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0271. In addition, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0271 for any other fees that may be required to make this Amendment timely, and please credit any excess fees to the same Deposit Account No. 50-0271.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all of claims **69-99** are in condition for allowance, and thus respectfully request the Examiner's early re-examination and consideration.

If there are any questions regarding this Response or the application, the Examiner is cordially requested to contact Stephan Filipek at telephone number (203) 461-7252 or via electronic mail at sfilipek@walkerdigital.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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